Japan-NER Academia-Industry Technology Cooperation Consortium

岐阜大学
GIFU UNIVERSITY

9th - 10th March 2026

Letter of Intent

1. Preamble

This Letter of Intent ("LoI") expresses the mutual interest of participating institutions ("Institutions") in establishing a collaborative platform for dialogue and exploration of academic and research opportunities between institutions in the **North Eastern Region (NER) of India** and universities and research organizations in **Japan** ("NER-Japan International Academic and Research Consortium" ("Consortium")).

2. Purpose

This LoI is intended to facilitate interaction, networking, and the identification of potential areas for future cooperation among the Institutions.

3. Fields of Engagement

i. The Institutions of the Consortium intend to:

- Engage in discussions, consultations, and knowledge-sharing activities.
- Explore potential areas of academic and research collaboration, including but not limited to, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), healthcare, design, technology, innovation, and interdisciplinary studies.
- Participate, as appropriate, in annual meetings, workshops, conferences, or symposia conducted under the Consortium framework.
- Share information regarding institutional strengths, research priorities, and capacity in order to identify areas capable of producing synergistic effects.

ii. This LoI shall not obligate any institution to undertake joint research projects, exchange programmes, or financial commitments, unless explicitly agreed upon through separate written arrangements.

4. Coordination and Facilitation

i. For the purpose of facilitating discussions under the Consortium:

- The Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati shall serve as the coordinating institution on the Indian side.
- Gifu University shall serve as the coordinating institution on the Japanese side as one of the partner universities of IITG in Japan.

ii. If required, a steering or coordination committee may be constituted under the Consortium framework. Any coordination mechanism established under the Consortium shall support

dialogue, the planning of activities, information sharing, record keeping, and the coordination of any related activities among the Institutions.

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5. Validity

This LoI shall remain valid for a period of three (3) years from the date on which it is signed by representatives of all Institutions, or from the date on which the representative of last Institution affixes its signature, unless extended or amended by mutual written agreement among the Institutions.

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6. Non-Binding Status

This LoI shall not create any legal, financial, or contractual obligations for any Institution. Any specific academic, research, exchange, or funding activities arising from discussions under this Consortium shall be subject to separate bilateral or multilateral agreements, as applicable. Such agreements shall be communicated to the designated nodal Institutions and any coordination mechanism established under the Consortium to facilitate information sharing, institutional record-keeping, and coordination of any related future activities.

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7. Signature

Signed on this day of 9th March 2026

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